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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLASMA ETCHING A WAFER

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## FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 2, insert -- This is a divisional application of U.S. Ser. No.

09/074,591, which was filed on May 8, 1998 - now US Pat. # 6089,272.

Page 6, line 5, cancel "to provide", substitute --provides--; and

line 18, insert -- of-- after "view".

Page 7, line 6, cancel "plate 14", substitute --assembly 14--; and

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